Allotment of Security National Code number to Workers

5349. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allot a Security National Code number to all the workers enrolled with Employees Provident Fund Scheme as per the recommendation of the Indian Labour Conference;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this recommendation is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c)The Employees Provident Fund Organisation has initiated a modernization programme which involves allotment of a Unique Social Security Number (SSN) to all its members.The process of registration of members and generation of Nationally Unique Number will be done through in-house computer system. The work of allotment of smart card will follow once the exercise of allotment of National Unique Identification Numbers is complete.This system will enable the subscribers to access his account balance and file his claim from any of the EPF Offices as against the present system which limit him only to one office where he is registered. The first phase of the modernization programme involves setting up of six Pilot Centres covering all the four zones to be made operational in a time span of 24 months. After stabilisation of the six Pilot Centres, the redesigned system is proposed to be replicated all over the country in a phased manner.

Wage discrimination on gender basis

†5350. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(c) whether Government are aware that countrary to the claims discrimination in wages on gender basis is rampant even in PSUs served by contract workers particularly where construction work is going on despite Equal Remuneration Act and other laws;

(d) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

†Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.